

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Joint Reconnaissance Center

1. On 3 April 1961 Captain Ernest Christensen, USNR, and Colonel Daniel Mulloney, USAF, met with Colonel Beerli, Jim Reber and the undersigned to discuss the charter of the JRC and its relationship with KUBARK air operations and the Department of Defense. In effect it was an attempt by the two visitors to establish themselves as the Agency's contact point for DOD coordination on overflights. Captain Christensen informed the group that the charter of the JRC designates that office as the contact point which would be responsible for notifying pertinent and appropriate DOD offices of impending KUBARK air operations in order to insure that the effort was properly coordinated so that there would be no conflict by simultaneous operations conducted under the auspices of one of the Services. In order to establish a clear delineation of responsibilities concerning requirements and operations, Mr. Reber explained the mission and intentions of the COMOR. Captain Christensen readily agreed that there was no conflict of interest between the JRC and COMOR. Colonel Beerli emphasized our desire that knowledge of KUBARK air activities be held to a limited and need-to-know basis within the DOD. Captain Christensen assured us that stringent security measures would be employed. Colonel Beerli explained that under the present arrangement the Agency notifies Colonel Benson who in turn effects the necessary DOD coordination. He added that this procedure was working quite smoothly. Captain Christensen stated that under the JRC procedures when the JRC is notified by the Agency of a planned operation they would notify (a) Colonel Harrington, who would advise General R. A. Brietweiser, (b) General Fred M. Dean, (c) General E. C. Wheeler, (d) General L. L. Lemaitzer. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric would be advised as well as Chief, Naval Operations, the Air Force through General Wood, and finally, the Army. Captain Christensen requested that we advise the JRC of a recommended procedure for notification and also a list of individuals in the Pentagon whom we thought should be notified.

2. Colonel Mulloney stated that the credentials for their office and the authority for being the sole DOD contact was vested in the JCS memo 2150/51. (As a side note JCS 2150/51 provides the JRC authority for coordinating

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peripheral reconnaissance activities. )

3. Captain Christensen inquired of the commo channel which is being established between DPD Headquarters and the Pentagon and inquired whether or not it was being directed to the correct office. In an indirect manner it was suggested that this problem could be worked out within the Pentagon. Captain Christensen indicated he would look into the matter over there.

4. The undersigned wishes to call attention to IDEA-0098 dated 28 December 1960 which was a memorandum signed by General Cabell to Major General Breitweiser which in effect states that CIA operations personnel have been directed to establish coordination with the interim JRC to insure timely coordination of any reconnaissance activities planned by this Agency. In the same memorandum General Cabell also advised General Breitweiser that until the JRC becomes fully operational he proposes that alerts be passed to the interim JRC through AFOOP-SA of Headquarters, USAF.

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All contacts with JRC should be cleared through me. At present time USAF is our sole contact.

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